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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS- CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY EMBASSY

1.THE EMBASSY IS RECEIVING IN INCREASING NUMBER COMMUNICATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND FROM SUCH GROUPS AS THE BELGIAN SECTION OF AMNESTY INTERNATINAL CALLING ATTENTION TO CASES OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NO DOUBT STIMULATED SUCH CORRESPONDENCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO

2.OUR NORMAL PROCEDURE IS TO WEED OUT OBVIOUS CRANK LETTERS,TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL OTHERS AND TO SEND THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.WHEN VIOLATIONS ARE ALLEGED TO OCCUR IN THE U.S.,THE EMBASSY,WHEN IT IS ADEQUATELY INFORMED,MAKES AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.ON COMMUNICATIONS RELAYED TO THE DEPARTMENT, WE NORMALLY HEAR NO MORE OF THE MATTER.

3.GIVEN THE INCREASED ATTENTION TO THIS SUBJECT,WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES WHEREBY POSTS ABROAD WOULD BE INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN ON SUCH COMMUNICATIONS.IN HIGH-INTEREST CASES WHERE A USG PUBLIC POSITION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL WERE POSTS TO RECEIVE ROUTINELY ANY DOCUMENTATION SETTING FORTH THAT POSITION,THEREBY UNCLASSIFIED

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